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Georgia DOT Announces New Transportation Enhancement Awards *Clayton County awarded a half-million dollars for local project enhancements*

Jonesboro - Georgia Department of Transportation recently announced that Clayton County would receive a grant for \$300,000.00 for a landscape and beautification project near Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport in Congressional District 5 entitled "A New Front Door for the World's Busiest Airport," along with a \$250,000.00 award for the Jesters Creek Trail Enhancement project located in Congressional District 13. The two projects combined received a total of \$550,000.00 in Transportation Enhancement (TE) funding for the county. With more than \$200 million in requests submitted statewide, the State Transportation Board members selected just over 144 projects to fund, totaling approximately \$55 million.

The TE funding received by the county will help enhance Jesters Creek Trail and will also help to create a sustainable, vibrant environment to surround the new international terminal for the Mountain View project. "Given the numerous additional incentives currently in place to promote development and business growth in the Mountain View area, we are more confident than ever in our ability to attract millions of new investment dollars to the county," stated the county director of economic development, Grant M. Wainscott. "We are grateful for this tremendous show of support by our representative on the State Transportation Board and feel very optimistic in the benefits that these projects will generate upon completion."

"We were so glad to work with all of our Board members in identifying worthy projects across all 13 Congressional Districts," said Georgia DOT Commissioner Vance C. Smith, Jr. "The TE program is an important tool for us to help local communities do needed projects to improve the quality of life for their citizens."

The TE program funds multi-use facilities such as walking and biking trails and paths; streetscaping and landscaping projects in cities and towns; historic preservation of transportation-related facilities like railroads depots; and scenic preservation of views and scenic byways. Over the past 20 years more than 1000 projects have been selected helping to enhance communities all across Georgia. The complete TE award list is available online at: www.dot.ga.gov/TE

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